

Chesterfield Fire and EMS

Fire and Life Safety Division - Fire Marshal's Office

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OPEN BURNING USING A PERMIT

1. A written permit must be obtained from the Chesterfield Fire & EMS, Fire and Life Safety Division. Application for permit shall include: \$400.00 fee for permit, completed information form, site plan drawing of burn site, proof of liability insurance for party performing burn. The permit holder must maintain liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 general liability coverage at all times while burning is taking place. Applications shall be submitted to the Fire and Life Safety Division at least 15 days before the desired burn.
2. Permitted open burning does not exempt or excuse a person from the consequence, damages or injuries which may result from such conduct, nor does it excuse or exempt any person from complying with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and orders of the federal government, Commonwealth of Virginia and/or Chesterfield County.
3. **No open burning during the months of June, July and August.**
4. Burning of the following is prohibited:
 - a. Toxic or hazardous materials, or containers for such materials
 - b. Rubber tires, asphaltic material, crankcase oil, impregnated wood, or similar materials which produce dense smoke
 - c. Paper, used lumber, of trade waste
 - d. Buildings and/or demolition material
5. The burning to dispose of debris waste from land clearing is limited to vegetation cleared from the site, including limbs, brush and stumps. All reasonable effort shall be made to minimize the amount of material that is burned.
6. The burning shall be attended at all times and conducted to achieve the best possible combustion with a minimum of smoke and fly ash being produced.
7. Burning shall be conducted at the greatest distance practicable from highways, air fields, power lines, gas lines, wooded areas, etc.
8. Fires shall be at least 50 feet from any building and/or structure and at least 500 feet from any occupied building, unless the occupants have given prior written permission.
9. There shall be no more than two (2) piles burning at any time. The operator and equipment to control and/or extinguish the fire(s) shall be within 1000 feet of each pile at all times.
10. A copy of the permit, site plan, guidelines, and all applicable conditions shall be kept at the burn site.
11. The Virginia Division of Forestry requires that any open burning, from February 15, through April 30, of each year, within 300 feet of woodland, brushland, or field containing dry grass or other combustible material leading to woodland, be done between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.
12. The burn pile shall not exceed 25 feet in width by 25 feet in length by 15 feet in height.
13. Chesterfield Fire Communications (748-1431) shall be called prior to starting the permitted burn and after the fire is totally extinguished.